

Chapter IV: Screen Components

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Title Bar

The title bar is a line or bar at the top of a screen that displays the currently selected patient name and the system name.

Menu Bar

The menu bar is located directly under the title bar. The menu bar contains drop-down menus. By clicking options from the drop-down menus, users can perform different functions in the system. The facility defines the security on menu options. When a menu option is not appropriate for a particular situation, it will display "grayed out." For example, if the user has not yet selected a patient from the Patient List, clicked the Orders tab and highlighted an order, then the menu option View/Order Details will be grayed out since there are no patient orders selected to view.

Toolbar

The toolbar is a row of buttons with pictures on them (icons) across the top portion of the screen. Each button represents something that you can do immediately if you click it. For example, at the far right there is a button with a picture of an open door with an arrow pointing out the door. This is the Logoff button. If you click it, you log off immediately. Toolbar preferences can be modified and saved for the current session that a user is logged into.

Patient Header

The **Patient Header** displays key information about the patient. Like an addressograph imprint, it uniquely identifies the patient, and includes the following demographic information: patient name, Medical Record Number/visit number, age, gender, assigned location, temporary location, attending physician, protocol number, and date of birth.

The **Patient Header** may display "Unreviewed Allergies" in red if the patient has allergies that have not been reviewed this visit. Allergies added to a visit after an initial allergy review will not cause "Unreviewed Allergies" to be displayed.

Expanded Header

The **Expanded Header** allows you to view more patient demographic information than is visible in the **Patient Header** at the top of the patient's chart. To open the **Expanded Header** dialog box, click the **More Header Info** icon on the toolbar, or from the **View** menu, select **More Header Info**.



Screen 4.1: More Header Info Icon

Patient List

The listing of patients displays based on the list selected in the **Current List** field.

Chart Sections (Tabs)

In CRIS, patient information is organized into a chart containing *chart sections*, similar to a physical chart. You maintain patient information by accessing a chart section and performing the tasks appropriate to that section.

For example, you can review orders for a patient in the **Orders** chart section, and view allergy information in the **Patient Info** chart section. Many of the data entry functions can be accessed from the appropriate chart section, or by selecting a toolbar icon or menu option.

The **Patient List** displays after you log on to CRIS, allowing you to choose the name of the patient(s) whose chart(s) you want to open. The selected chart(s) remains open as you move from section to section, until you change the selected chart(s) in the **Patient List**.

Chart Section	Description
Patient List	Select a patient from a list of patients.
Orders	View and revise existing orders.
Results	View clinical results.
Patient Info	Enter and view patient information, such as allergies, comments, care providers, health issues, significant events and demographics.
Summary	View a summary of patient related information including active allergies, comments, health issues, and medications.
Documents	View patient care documentation.
Flowsheets	View flowsheet documentation.
Clinical Summary	View a summary of selected clinical information

Table 4.2: Chart Sections Table

Columns

The columns on the Patient List display either information or flags pointing to pertinent data about the patient. For example, flags indicate if new results have been received for a patient and can be viewed by clicking the flag. The choice of columns displayed is specific to each list.

Patient Data Screens

The sections of the screen below the tabs are used to display information (such as a list of results or orders) or fields that accept data about the patient (such as orders or documents).

Status Line

The status line displays at the bottom of the screen. It contains the user name, environment name, and any informational messages.